

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-609

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

November 8, 2011

28TH STREET LANDFILL TREE REMOVAL MITIGATION COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND

- A. During the week of September 26, 2011, cottonwood trees were removed from a storm water detention basin located at the City's closed 28th Street landfill facility to address the significant public health and safety concerns created by a large homeless camp in the basin where methane gas is present.
- B. The Department of Utilities is committed to investigating, developing, and implementing a plan to mitigate the environmental impacts, including full restoration of habitat values lost resulting from the cottonwood tree removal project.
- C. The most efficient and effective process to develop a plan is to convene a committee of community stakeholders and report back to the City Council within 90 days with recommendations.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Staff is directed to form a mitigation committee comprised of community stakeholders including, but not limited to, Friends of Sutter's Landing Park, Friends of Swainson's Hawk, Save the American River Association, the Native Plant Society, and City staff to develop a plan that accomplishes the following goals: 1) identification of the environmental impacts of the cottonwood tree removal including possible loss of habitat value and development of an implementation plan for full restoration of habitat values lost as a result of the project; 2) identification and evaluation of strategies to manage the closed landfill in ways that are compatible with the habitat values of and potential uses at Sutter's Landing Park and the American River Parkway; and 3) providing effective public communication and outreach strategies.
- Section 2. Staff is directed to establish policies to avoid a similar situation from occurring again.
- Section 3. Staff is directed to report back to City Council with recommendations within 90 days.

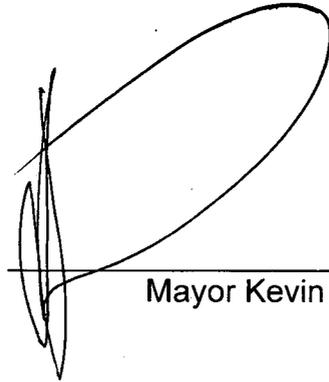
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on November 8, 2011 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ashby, Cohn, D Fong, R Fong, McCarty, Pannell, Schenirer, Sheedy, and Mayor Johnson.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.



Mayor Kevin Johnson

Attest:


Shirley Concolino, City Clerk